



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Chico – Data Breach Exposes Student Requests for COVID-19 Vaccine Exemptions

(U) Personal information from California State University (CSU) Chico students who requested a religious exemption from the COVID vaccine has been posted online after an apparent data breach. The requests from about 130 students were dumped on an anonymous Internet message board, documenting approved and denied requests from CSU Chico students between 7 June and 10 August. A commenter on the site linked to an Excel spreadsheet with detailed explanations from students who had asked to be exempted from receiving the vaccine in order to attend the college. Student names and phone numbers were included in many of the entries.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [Sacramento Bee](#)

#### (U) Torrance – More Than 300 Stolen Ballots for Governor’s Recall Race Found by Police

(U) More than 300 gubernatorial recall ballots were recovered by police while they were checking on a man at a convenience store who ended up having a loaded weapon. The ballots were discovered in the back seat of a vehicle while officers were checking on a man at the request of a caller. Officers also found the loaded firearm, drugs, and driver’s licenses and credit cards in other peoples’ names. The man was arrested on suspicion of illegal possession of a firearm, illegal narcotics and stolen property, and identity theft.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [Orange County Register](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) California – Maritime Smuggling Activity Increases

(U) Los Angeles – Maritime smuggling events in Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties increased significantly this summer reaching record levels. Just in the month of July, members of the DHS Regional Coordination Mechanism (ReCoM), in coordination with local law enforcement agencies, have responded to 12 smuggling events in the area. These smuggling attempts along the coastline of Palos Verdes, Long Beach, San Pedro, Malibu, Newport Beach, and the first-ever panga landing on Santa Catalina Island, resulted in the apprehension of 90 undocumented individuals. While most were adult males of diverse nationalities, females, and teenagers were also among those apprehended.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [CBP Press Release](#)

#### (U) Texas – \$1.6 Million of Cocaine Seized at the Border

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley Sector (RGV) Border Patrol agents interdicted three narcotic smuggling attempts totaling over 130-pounds of marijuana and more than 50-pounds of cocaine. Last Friday agents observed two subjects illegally enter the US, one of which was carrying a bundle of marijuana. When agents approached the subjects, they quickly abandoned the bundle and fled back into Mexico. The bundle of marijuana weighed approximately 23-pounds with an estimated street value of over \$18K. On Saturday agents observed a subject carrying a bundle on his back walk away from the river and further into the US. Responding agents located two subjects and two bundles of marijuana weighing over 110-pounds. The marijuana has an estimated street value of over \$92K.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [CBP Press Release](#)

## UNCLASSIFIED

### (U) NATIONAL

#### **(U) District of Columbia – Proud Boys Leader Gets Five Months in Jail**

(U) Washington – Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio was sentenced to more than five months in jail for burning a church's Black Lives Matter banner in December 2020 and bringing high-capacity rifle magazines to Washington, DC, days before the 6 January US Capitol insurrection. The flag-burning incident occurred at the Asbury United Methodist Church, a historically Black church, after Tarrio and other Proud Boys attended a rally in Washington that later led to violent clashes. He was arrested when he returned to DC, shortly before the Capitol insurrection, and was found with two high-capacity magazines that are banned under DC's strict gun control laws.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [CNN](#)

#### **(U) Iowa – Man Charged in US Capitol Riot Seeks to Avoid Return to Jail**

(U) Des Moines – An Iowa man charged with taking part in the insurrection at the US Capitol has asked a judge not to send him back to jail even though he was caught violating the terms of his pretrial release by accessing the internet. Douglas Jensen, 41, was released in July after spending six months in jail. Jensen, faces charges including civil disorder and assaulting, resisting, or impeding a law enforcement officer.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [Associated Press](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### **(U) India – Police Kill Top Commander and Deputy of Militant Group in Kashmir**

(U) Srinagar – The top commander of a militant group and his deputy, allegedly involved in dozens of target killings, died in a shootout. Abbas Sheikh, chief of the militant group The Resistance Front (TRF), and Saqib Manzoor were killed during a shootout in Srinagar, the main city of Indian Kashmir. The militants were involved in dozens of target killings. The TRF is an offshoot of Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT).

SOURCE: 24 August 2021, [CNN](#)

#### **(U) Mexico – Cartel Leader Arrested after US Deports**

(U) Mexico City – One of the notorious Arellano Felix brothers was deported from the US back to Mexico after serving most of a 15-year prison sentence, but he was promptly re-arrested when he arrived. Prosecutors said Eduardo Arellano Felix was handed over to Mexican federal authorities at a border crossing in Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas. He faces organized crime and drug trafficking charges in Mexico. He was one of several brothers who founded the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix cartel that moved hundreds of tons of cocaine and marijuana from Mexico and Colombia into the US.

SOURCE: 23 August 2021, [Associated Press](#)

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